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Great Reductions

in the prices of.....

Ladies' Jackets,
Fur Collarettes,
Fur Capes and
Small Furs.....

For To-day's Trade.

Lot of about 20 Children's
Fur Sets, some very fine
ones among them, to-day
at.....

Exactly.....
Half Price.

To-day Will See the Close
Of Our 1898 Holiday Goods.

Silver Plated Novelties,
Hand Painted Opal Ware,
Celluloid Novelties,
Photo Albums,
Manicure Sets,
Smokers' Sets,
Indian Baskets,
Toys, Games, Dolls,
Shaving Sets, Etc., Etc.,

To-day Exactly Half Price.

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Geo. H. Snook & Co.

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1 All..... 2 Jackets

At Actual Half Price.

Over 500 new ones to
choose from—not an old
one in the lot.

The prices will be just
as stated—one-half—no
more—no less!

Special Lines of
Holiday Goods Still
at Half Prices.

GEO. M. SNOOK & CO.

Good Shoes.



Bid Good-Bye to the Old
and put on a pair of
"The Wheeling \$3.50 Shoes"
and you have not only wished yourself a
happy New Year, but have forestalled grip
and colds from damp feet, and prepared
yourself for health to enjoy it.

Alexander,
Shoe Seller, 1049 Main.

A Merry Christmas.

To Our Friends:

We extend thanks for their
liberal patronage and wish all
a Merry Christmas.

Our store will be open to-day
until 6 p. m. If you have
overlooked any of your friends,
we can furnish the desired
article.

**Dillon, Wheat
& Hancher Co.**

Shoes.



A GOOD RESOLUTION.

Resolve you will wear nothing but
"ROYAL".

The Favorite \$3.50 Shoe for Men.
You will then be comfortably and stylishly
shod and better prepared to start the new
year right.

NAY BROTHERS, 1317 Market.

"Royal" means: Right—up-to-date.

The Intelligencer

Office: 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

New Advertisements.

List of Letters.
Election Notice.
Stockholders Meeting—People's Bank.
Wanted—Salesman.
Prices Cut in Half—Baer's—Eighth Page.
Everything Right—Geo. E. Riffel & Co.—
Third Page.
For Cold Cures—McFadden's Hat De-
partment—Second Page.
Great Reductions—Stone & Thomas—
Eighth Page.
570 Secures Established High Grade Busi-
ness.
Young Men. Our Illustrated Catalogue.
Milk and Cream—Hygeia Dairy.
Fresh Every Day—Baer's Drug Store.
Bonds for Sale—Simpson & Tatum.
La Grippe Capsules—List.
Weather Strips—Geo. W. Johnson's Sons.

C. HESS & SONS'

Useful and Elegant Christmas Gifts at
Popular Prices.

COLLARS—Always the very newest for
Ladies and Gentlemen.
NECKWEAR—All the latest styles.
GLOVES—Kid, Mocc, Asbestol, Silk
and Wool.
MUFFLERS—Silk and Mufflerette.
HANDKERCHIEFS—Silk, Linen and
Cambric.
SUSPENDERS—Fancy Silk, Satin and
Worsted.
SHIRTS—White and Colored.
KNIT JACKETS AND COATS—Wool
and Worsted.
UMBRELLAS—Silk and Mohair, with
Fancy Handles.
UNDERWEAR—AND HALF HOSE—
Wool, Cotton and Hosiery Hygienic.
A suit of Clothes, Overcoat, Hat,
Trousers or Fancy Vest, to order, as
we have their measures.

C. HESS & SONS,

Fashionable Tailors and Furnishers,
1311 and 1313 Market Street.

20,000.

We have fitted more than twenty
thousand pairs of Spectacles, giving us
a record and experience unequalled by
any other optician in West Virginia.
Satisfaction guaranteed.
JACOB V. GIBBS, Optician,
No. 1306 Market St. cut.

The Last Opportunity.

Water rents are now due and are sub-
ject to a discount of 10 per cent if paid
before December 31. Not taking advantage
of this discount is equivalent to
borrowing money at the rate of 40 per
cent per annum. Can you afford this?
Remember, in order to save the dis-
count you will have to pay your bill on
five open every night this week until 5
o'clock.

In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office,
George E. Hamm qualified as adminis-
trator of the estate of A. W. Ebbitt;
bond, \$1,000, with J. B. Handlan as
surety.

Three deeds of trust were recorded.

The Wrong Man Fined.

Mistakenly sent a Polish resi-
dent of the Eighth ward \$10 and costs
in a justice shop a few nights ago, and
the fact that the wrong man was ar-
rested and fined has just developed it-
self. For some weeks constables have
been investigating thefts of coal from
Baltimore & Ohio cars, and among
the arrests made was a Pole or Hun-
garian, with an unpronounceable name
and a dismal lack of the English lan-
guage. His friends paid the fine im-
posed so he could return to his work.
The unfortunate man vigorously main-
tained his innocence, but interpreters
were not on hand at the proper time.
The Pole who looks like him and is the
real thief, will likely also be fined when
arrested.

DON'T miss this opportunity to buy
Furniture at your own price at the auc-
tion.

WHITE, HANDLEY & FOSTER.

WE have moved from 1308 Main to
1310 Main street.

A. F. WINCHER, Produce.

A YEAR OF HEALTH

Has Been Enjoyed by the People
of this Community and

THE HEALTH OFFICER FEELS

Justified in Extending Congratula-
tions to the Public.

THE EPIDEMIC OF GRIP

In Neighboring Cities has not yet
Extended to Wheeling—Dr. Jepson
Advises care in Avoiding Needless
Exposure—An Increase in Typhoid
Fever Cases—Sixty Deaths from "the
Great White Plague"—Suggestion
for a Board of Health—Closer Su-
pervision of the Milk Supply.

In reply to the Intelligencer's request
for a few thoughts on sanitary matters,
I may appropriately congratulate our
people on having had a year of com-
parative healthfulness. We have had
no general prevalence of disease, noth-
ing approaching an epidemic of any
kind. The deaths number sixty less
than during the previous year, and this
means much less sickness, suffering,
sorrow and expense. The death rate
per 1,000 for the year just ended is but
14.2, which is quite low for a manu-
facturing city as large as ours. The new
year opens with no widely prevalent
disease. Scarlet fever and diphtheria
are almost absent. But few of the lat-
ter have been reported for a year, and
the former has been extremely mild,
causing no mortality.

A few cases of the grip are occurring
in the city, but they are thus far mild,
resulting in no deaths. I cannot but
feel that most of these cases result
largely from some negligence on the
part of the victims. It is always well
to follow the sage advice of the an-
cient doctor, to "keep the head cool, the
feet warm, and the bowels open." Avoid
needless exposure, clothe yourself ac-
cording to the weather's demands, avoid
the too frequent "going out between
acts," keep the digestive organs in good
condition, and maintain a clear con-
science by prompt payment of January
bills, especially that of your doctor, and
may the Great Father protect you
through the coming year, not only from
the grip, but from all other serious ail-
ments.

It is not pleasant to note some in-
crease in the number of cases of ty-
phoid fever. If we may judge from the
year's mortality, the typhoid deaths
for the five years prior to 1898 numbered
12, 10, 21 and 18 respectively. This
disease caused this year 33 deaths.
While some of these cases originated
elsewhere, coming to our hospitals for
treatment, yet some increase of typhoid
has been noted among our own people.
This indicates that our new water sup-
ply is not going to prove a permanent
safeguard against this disease. I never
expected or even hoped that it would,
for I have always felt that other causes
are in operation in the city. The con-
tinued improvement in water supply
and in sewage will remove some of
these, especially if every property
owner be compelled to connect the sew-
erage of his property with the public
sewers, substituting water closets for the
out-door vaults, the latter to be
cleared to the bottom and filled with
earth. Our water board should be en-
couraged to construct another water
reservoir, with modern sand and gravel
filter bed, as experience has demon-
strated that this system of water purifi-
cation is a sanitary measure of the first
importance.

"The great white plague," consump-
tion, is ever with us with all parts
of the country, and it caused over sixty
deaths this year. It is claimed by some
medical writers that at least 60 per cent
of our population is afflicted with tub-
ercular disease in some form. It may
occur in the lungs—the most common
form—the brain, the intestines, the
bones, joints, glands or other parts of
the body. In many cases the tubercle
may lie inactive, not causing appar-
ent disease or fatal result. But in almost
every death report of every community,
tubercular deaths outnumber those
from any other single cause, and these
are chiefly lung tuberculosis, or con-
sumption. This disease is dependent
for its activity upon the germs or bac-
illi of tuberculosis, and the spores (ex-
pectorated material) contain these
germs in abundance. The free ming-
ling of the sick with the well; the free
expectoration of tubercular patients in
the homes, the streets, cars, public halls
and elsewhere, keep the air filled with
the dangerous disease germs, which,
drying, float or are blown about, liter-
ally "seeking whom they may devour."
The victims are those unfortunate ones
whose weak constitutions or impaired
lungs afford a suitable soil for the
growth and multiplication of the bacilli
and consumption and death are the re-
sult.

The use of milk from tubercular
cows, or cows with tubercular ulcers on
the udders, is another means of spread-
ing this dread disease.

As means of prevention, tubercular
patients should sleep alone, in rooms
that are well lighted by day and well
ventilated at night. They should never
expectorate except into a disinfectant
solution, or into rags, paper, or paper
cups that may be burned. The latter
may now be had for use out doors, to
prevent expectorating on the streets or
other public places.

A closer supervision of the milk sup-
ply should be had, and all dairies sup-
plying milk to the city should be li-
censed, and subject to frequent inspec-
tion by a competent veterinary surgeon,
with authority to kill all infected ani-
mals; and license should be revoked for
good cause.

In this connection the thought occurs
that Wheeling is large enough to pos-
sess a board of health, regularly con-
stituted of officials chiefly salaried and
with powers to deal with questions
that might be named. We have now
simply a council "committee on health,"
no one of whom receives a salary, and
hence cannot be expected to assume
great responsibility in the execution of
sanitary measures, nor is this commit-
tee clothed with large powers. I have
thought that a board of health might
be composed in part of the mayor, city
sanitary officer, city engineer, ex-officio,
with at least two additional members to
be chosen by these three or by council.
The board to select its own executive
officer or health officer. I have not in-
fused this thought, but am sure it is
worthy of careful consideration.

As the old year dies, reports come to
us of the prevalence of smallpox in va-
rious cities and towns not very far from
us. Our late epidemic resulted in such
general vaccination that I feel we are
secure from absolutely unnecessary
contamination in any form almost without
excuse. Vaccinate, and all is well. Nec-
essary vaccination and we may have epi-
demics, quarantines, business interrup-
tion, and the loss of many thousands in
money.

Hope that the dawn year may
bring health and prosperity to our
greater abundance than has the year
just closed. I am, very sincerely,
S. L. JEPSON, M. D.,
Health Officer.

Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup is an excel-
lent remedy for children. For croup,
whooping cough and measles-cough it
has no equal.

A. W. EBBITT DEAD.

After an illness of about a month.
He was the Local Manager for
House & Herrmann, and had made
Many Warm Friends in Wheeling.
After a lingering illness of four weeks.

Albert Warner Ebbitt, local manager of
House & Herrmann's department store,
passed away at the North Wheeling
hospital, yesterday morning at 2 o'clock.
Inflammatory rheumatism was the
complaint to which Mr. Ebbitt suc-
cumbed, but his demise was compara-
tively sudden, there being no fears of
such result the previous night. During
his confinement at the hospital, the de-
ceased bore his sufferings with rare
patience and fortitude.

There was general sorrow yesterday
at the announcement of Mr. Ebbitt's
death, for he was extremely popular
with a large circle of friends and ac-
quaintances who had hoped for his re-
covery from the time he was stricken
with the disease. Ebbitt was an enter-
prising and energetic business man,
enthusiastic member of Wheeling Col-
No. 23, B. P. O. E., and his fellow Elks
were extremely saddened when they
learned of his death.

The funeral was taken in charge by
the Elks, and a meeting held last
night, arrangements were completed for
the funeral, which will be in charge of
Wheeling lodge. The body now lies in
state at the Elks lodge, in the Robert
block, North Main street, and, until the
funeral, details of the members will
watch beside the remains, being reliev-
ed in turn by other members. The de-
ceased, as chairman of the committee,
which decorated the new lodge rooms,
and in all matters pertaining to the
lodge's welfare he displayed untiring
devotion, and his loss will be keenly
felt.

At the annual memorial exercises of
the Elks, held at the Opera House last
month, occasion was taken to offer
prayer for the recovery of Mr. Ebbitt,
who had been in the hospital three days be-
fore this event, and few in the audience
thought that the grim reaper would
have cut down the brother ere the end
of the year. Mr. Ebbitt was a fine
specimen of physical manhood, hand-
some, genial and sociable, and about
thirty-eight years of age.

He was born in New York City, and
entered the service of House & Herr-
mann in Washington, D. C., about ten
years ago, six years later being trans-
ferred to the Wheeling branch. He
was a valuable aid to his employer, one
of his specialties being the advertising
department, he writing all the adver-
tisements. He was essentially a self-
made man, and by his persistent energy
and good personal qualities worked his
way up to a commanding position in the
business world. He was unmarried.

The funeral will occur from the Elks'
lodge rooms, Sunday afternoon at 2
o'clock. The lodge will escort the re-
mains to Greenwood cemetery, the
place of interment, parading to the
Elm Grove motor station, thence mem-
bers will be taken to the cemetery. Vis-
iting Elks and friends of the deceased
are invited to attend. The exercises
will be in charge of Exalted Ruler C. C.
Schmidt and other officers of the lodge.
The Elks who will act as pallbearers
were selected last night, and are as fol-
lows: Messrs. W. H. Manning, T. A.
Little, John G. Hoffman, Jr., Julius
Reizenstein, Nell Quin, Thomas
O'Brien, Jr., John Klari and George W.
Lutz.

The remains will be interred in a
vault until relatives of the deceased are
heard from.

SHOCKING DEPRAVITY

Revealed in the Story of Fourteen-
Year-Old Florence Daugherty.

Information was made against
Thomas Jackson, an aged huckster,
yesterday morning, charging him with
a serious offense. The complainant be-
ing fourteen-year-old Florence Daugh-
erty, whose sad case had first been
brought to the attention of the humane
Society.

Jackson is sixty-one years of age, and
he and the little girl came to Wheeling
from Greene county, Pennsylvania,
about two years ago. Jackson, who had
reared the girl from childhood, re-
nted a room near C. D. Thompson's
livery, South Market street. In this
room he and the child took their
abode, but it was only recently that the
neighbors suspected Jackson's relations
with the girl. "Squire Rogers yesterday
committed Jackson, who was arrested
by Officer Zimmerman and Constable
Norris, to jail for a hearing this after-
noon.

The girl's story revealed shocking de-
tails of human depravity and should her
evidence be sufficiently strong, Jackson
will have a hard fight to escape the ex-
treme penalty of the law, as the girl is
below the age of consent, which is six-
teen years. She is a tall, well-haired old
man, and repulsive in appearance.

CARRINGTON WAIVED

Preliminary Hearing on Charge of
Assaulting Mrs. Harden.

Marshall Carrington, the colored man
suspected of entering the home of Mrs.
Rebecca Harden, North Main street, a
few weeks ago and assaulting her for
the evident purpose of robbery, yester-
day waived examination before "Squire
Rogers and was accordingly held for
the next term of the criminal court.
Had he decided to stand the hearing
appear against him, not having recov-
ered sufficiently yet from the effects of
the shock sustained.

The prisoner still suffers from a
sprained ankle, an injury he is sup-
posed to have received by jumping from
the window at Mrs. Harden's house. His
bond was placed at \$500 in each of the
three charges of burglary, stealing a
watch on a previous occasion, and as-
sault with intent to maim, disfigure and
kill.

Doing a Good Work.

Jacob Manie, of Colerain, O., shipped
two large boxes of clothing yesterday to
the Home for the Friendless, New York
City. Every Christmas for more than
thirty years he has made a similar
shipment, and for as many years the
Pennsylvania railroad lines have car-
ried his contributions free. It is the do-
nation of the Needle Work Guild of
America. The Colerain society is pre-
sided over by Mrs. Rachel R. Manie,
wife of Jacob Manie, and she is the
agent for each member to give at least
two garments and as many more as the
member chooses to give each year for
the poor. This year, besides the two
big boxes sent to New York, the society
has quietly given to needy ones nearer
home.

WE have moved from 1308 Main to
1310 Main street.

A. F. WINCHER, Produce.

Two Grand Tours of Mexico

run in connection with dates' justly ce-
lebrated tours, comprising the most com-
plete and comprehensive itinerary of
old Mexico that has ever been arranged,
will leave Wheeling via Baltimore &
Ohio railroad Monday, January 10, 1899.
Friday, February 10, 1899. The trains
will be composed of the very best equip-
ment, and will be under the personal su-
pervision of Mr. Gates. Each tour will
cover about thirty-five days, and the
cost will be \$225, which includes all ex-
penses. For full particulars address D. E.
and Randolph Stalasker, 25 Twelfth
street, or T. C. O. O. Wheeling, W. Va.
ticket agent, B. & O. Wheeling, W. Va.

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TO-DAY'S BATTLE.

Republican Primary Election will
Be the Occasion of Many

VERY EXCITING CONTESTS.

Tickets Distributed to Candidates
and Committeemen last Night, and
then the Workers Began their
Campaign in Earnest—With Any-
thing Approaching Favorable
Weather There Will Be Over 3,000
Voices.

Last evening, the Republican city
committee was "at home" to its mem-
bers and to the many candidates for
nominations at the hands of to-day's
primary election. The candidates were
on hand in swarms, and it wasn't very
long before the tickets were in the
hands of all of them. Then the work-
ers and candidates began their cam-
paigns in earnest, and the fun will con-
tinue until the polls close to-night at 7
o'clock.

Shrewd politicians are predicting that
with anything approaching favorable
weather to-day, there will be over 3,000
votes cast, and that it is not unlikely
the vote will go up to 4,000, three times
as many votes as were cast last Sat-
urday by the Democrats at their primary
election.

A cold and windy day, the politicians
say, will be favorable to Joe Bero in
his fight for the chief of police nomi-
nation. On the other hand, it is said fair
weather will mean added strength for
"Billy" Clemans. So far as the two
candidates and their respective work-
ers are concerned, they will do their
utmost to get out all the votes they
know of, whether it rains or shines to-
day.

The situation in the Third ward was
simplified somewhat last night by the
announcement that Mr. Will Gleason,
who was suggested for second branch
of council, would not accept the nomi-
nation. It was given him to-day, W.
B. McMechen's friends hope his vote
will be increased through the with-
drawal of Mr. Gleason from the con-
test.

Messrs. Truax and Norrington, the
candidates for wharfmaster, are putting
up a lively battle for the very lucrative
position they aspire to (it pays some-
thing like \$300 a year).

The polls open at noon and close at 7
p. m. The list of voting places will be
found in another column.

NEW YEAR'S ATTY. M. C. A.

Reception and Entertainment to be
Given on Monday—Attractive Pro-
gramme.

The usual New Year reception will be
given by the Young Men's Christian As-
sociation on Monday. The association
will keep open house and extends a wel-
come hospitality to all young men. The
reception will begin at 5 o'clock and
continue until 8. The callers will be re-
ceived and entertained. There will be
orchestra music, refreshments and good
fellowship. In the evening the follow-
ing excellent programme will be pre-
sented:

PART I.

Overture.....Orchestra
Vocal Solo.....Mr. Charles Zulauf
Recitation.....Mr. B. C. Taylor
Vocal Duet.....Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brazier
Recitation.....Mr. James Morgan
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Flora Williams

PART II.

Ye Old Folks' Concert—Mrs. Doosenberry
and Her Girls.
Commencement—Come, Come Away.
Orchestra—Nancy Lee.
Spoken Piece—Evy Eliza Higginbotham
Singer—Gussie Doosenberry, Abel Smithson
Mauroedine Phyllis, Nathan Pettigrew
Singer—William Josephus Judkinson
Harmynkeker Phyllis
Singer—Abel Abraham Smitherson
Singer by Chorus—"Mama's in the Cold
Cold Ground."
Orchestra—"Mockin' Bird."
Fiddlin'—Jonathan Josiah Snodgrass
Singer—Susan Smithers and Chorus
Recitation—Dorothy Dorcas Whitcomb
Singer by Chorus—"There Was an Old
Negro."
Singer—Lucinda Miranda Spinstermalden
Singer—"Peck-a-Boo."
Singer—"Ben Bolt."
Singer—Amelia Opheila Gushem
Singer—"Good Night to You".....Chorus

New Year's Concert.

A complimentary rehearsal and en-
tertainment will be given by Meister's
Band and Wheeling Turnverein on
Sunday evening, at Turner Hall, with
the following programme:

March—Overture—J. S. Taylor
Medley Overture—"A Cluster of
Bells."
Waltz—"Remembrance of Naples."
Overture—"Queen of Autumn."
Saxette—"From 'Lucia'."
"American Patrol".....Donizetti
Till This, Grand Opera, Med-
ley on "Auld Lang Syne".....E. Beyer
Fantasy on "Auld Lang Syne".....C. W. Daiby
"At a Georgia Campmeeting."
Solo—Club Swinging—Chas. Seidel
Medley Overture—"New Year by Elec-
tric Light."
L. O. De Witt
Musical Joke—"The Jolly Musicians."
March—"Transylvania."
C. Muscat
Solo—Club Swinging—Chas. Seidel

New Year's at Post-office.

Postmaster Wise has issued the fol-
lowing orders regarding the observance
of the holiday, Monday, January 2,
Stamp, general delivery and carriers'
windows will be open from 8:20 to 10 a.
m.; register and money order division,
will be closed the entire day; one deliv-
ery will be made by carriers, leaving
the office at 8 a. m.; collection of all
letter boxes in the city will be made,
arriving at the office at 6:15 and 10 a.
m.; collection of letter boxes, Water,
Main and Market, Tenth to Sixteenth
streets, inclusive, will be made, arriv-
ing at the office at 9 a. m. and 11 a. m., 12:20,
2, 4 and 8:15 p. m.; mails will be re-
ceived and dispatched as usual; import-
ant matter for midnight dispatch should
be taken to the postoffice.

Special Notice.

The cleaning and dyeing firm of F.
Striff & Son are located at the old stand,
No. 1149 Market street, where they make
a specialty in the cleaning, dyeing,
pressing and repairing of gentlemen's
clothing. Old suits cleaned, dyed, re-
bound, relined and repaired to look
quite new at a small cost. Also
has quietly cleaned, colored and
carried on short notice at F. Striff &
Son's, 1149 Market street, opposite
Schenk & Sons' Meat Store.

NOTICE.

UNTIL CHRISTMAS

We will give a discount of 30 per cent on
anything in our stock of \$50.00 worth
of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silver-
ware, etc. This means a saving of 30 cents
on every dollar's worth you buy. A \$4.00
Set of Solid Silver Tea Spoon costs you
\$2.80. Rogers' Silver Knife and Forks at
\$3.00 per dozen, less 30 per cent, costs you
\$2.10 per dozen. You can select any good
you want at this 30 per cent reduction sale,
and by paying a small deposit we will
keep them for you until Christmas.

SHEFF BROS.,

JEWELERS,
Corner Main and Eleventh Streets.

A Newspaper

can't make business without some help. The Lo-
helps those that help themselves—if they don't hel-
themselves to something that belongs to somebod-
else—and a newspaper helps those that help them-
selves, too. If all it looked to to make business was ad-
vertising, this country would be overrun with millionair-
merchants. Advertising is good only when backed
up by the advertiser. An advertisement is always
just as good as the name signed to it—no bette-
When THE HUB advertises anything you can alway
depend upon it that what we tell you about the good
and prices is absolutely so—there's no guess work
about it.

The great holiday rush has left us with hundred
of odds and ends in all our various departments.
This week we shall use every effort to rid our stock
of them, and to do so we make prices so low that
they will be picked up with a relish. Extraordinary
Bargains in our Boys' and Children's Departments.

THE HUB,

Clothiers,